



## **Third Haven Friends Meeting**

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## **DECEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER**

Harmony among our different religious traditions is essential for world peace. Genuine harmony should be founded on mutual respect. And respect should be based on a recognition that all the world's major religious traditions are similar in having the potential to help human beings live at peace with themselves, with each other and with the environment.

*Dalai Lama*

### **Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Business Minutes for the 11<sup>th</sup> Month, 9, 2014**

Call to order: Candace Shattuck, Clerk of Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business at 11:30 AM after a brief period of silence.

Attending: Molly Burgoyne, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Monique Cooke, Tom Corl, Deborah Cox, Debbie Danser, Ed Danser, Doreen Getsinger, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Katherine Johnson, Larissa Kitenko, Bill Lane, Jr., Connie Lewis, Sumner Parker, Cynthia Quast, Robert Rowe, Adrienne Rudge, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Sally Vermilye, Bob Wack, Dolores Wack, Rob Wieland, Ralph Young, Frank Zeigler, and Joyce Zeigler.

Query; Additional Thoughts: During meeting for worship, a member of Worship and Ministry read the Query, "Stewardship of Resources". A Friend remarked further that the absence of the word "money" in the Eleventh Query is curious to him, as it seems to be a word we try purposely to avoid. Another Friend remarked that the individual questions of this Query are especially meaningful to him.

Minutes from previous Meeting for Business: The minutes from the meeting for business 10<sup>th</sup> Month were approved with a one-sentence change to these minutes. This change is to the first sentence in the fourth paragraph of the Scholarship Committee Annual Report and begins with the word "Large". The sentence is amended to read "Large contributions to the fund were used to create a fund that the Scholarship Committee treats as an endowment, intended to provide a long-term source of income for the scholarship program". There is some unsettling among Friends as to the terms, "restricted funds" and "endowment fund" and how these terms are defined as far as concerns the accumulated monies for the Scholarship Fund. We agreed to convene a separate meeting to discuss this issue with Candace Shattuck acting as Clerk.

Clerk's Correspondence: The Clerk read aloud a letter from John Coady, Jr. requesting membership to the Meeting. This letter was given to Clerk of Overseers. Some of our Meeting has expressed an interest in visiting Chestnut Hill Meeting outside of Philadelphia. Our member, James Turrell has recently installed a "sky-space" in this meeting house. We've been invited to join them on a First Day for worship followed by a potluck lunch. The light from the skylight is optimally viewed around one hour before sunset. The group would need to leave Easton around 8 AM and return after dark. Those expressing an interest in this trip include Candace Shattuck, Adrienne Rudge, John Shreiner, Marsie Hawkinson, Monique Cooke, Larissa Kitenko, Cynthia Quast, Tom Corl, Lorraine Claggett, Katherine Johnson, Dolores and Bob Wack, and Sally Vermilye. Candace will try to get a date for the trip confirmed and let interested parties know.

#### Testimonies and Concerns Annual Report November, 2014

A testimony is love made visible.

During the year the committee has continued to pursue the strains of actions that were illuminated with details in last year's report, namely:

- Marilla's lunches and Thanksgiving dinners
- Housing the overnight homeless shelter for two weeks in February
- Operating the lending library at the detention center
- Supporting P.E.A.C.E. at demonstrations
- Taking part in the Multicultural Festival
- A visit with supplies and clothes to nearby migrant worker camps
- Three members serving on the board of Midshore Alternatives to Violence
- Project (AVP)

We continued with oversight of the Shoffner International Education Fund and this year made the decision of where to give funds by a committee of three from the Meeting. This committee supported education in the underserved countries of Columbia through Aguayuda and Bolivia through the Bolivian Quaker Education Fund, where we have two current scholarship students and have had four others graduate over the years. The fund is now \$15,731.52 and 5% is distributed yearly. A new project was study and discussion, open to the community, of Michelle Alexander's book *The New Jim Crow*. This was followed by a showing of the film *The House I Live In* at the public library and this followed with a talk by two Maryland judges on their perspective of the issues of incarceration. These were well attended by the public and law enforcement officials. We look forward to further involvement.

A study and readings on the subject of peace is underway in conjunction with P.E.A.C.E. using Coleman McCarthy's book *Peace is Possible*, and meeting the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

It is a joy to work with First Day School and familiarize our testimonies to the small attenders there. Community has been addressed and Equality and Peace are scheduled.

Cynthia Browne, Susan Claggett, Katie Claggett, Leigh Anne Dodge, Norman Hackland, Nancy Robbins, Sarah Sayre, Ralph Young, and Lorraine B. Claggett, Clerk

This report was **accepted** by Meeting with thanks for all this committee is involved in.

Aside from their annual report, they asked whether or not the Meeting has any interest in sponsoring a program regarding ISIS. They have contacted members of a local Islamic group and hope to hear from them soon. The Meeting is interested in sponsoring such a program and perhaps opening this up to the wider community.

The Clerk of committee recently met with two members of the newly formed Charitable Contributions Committee to discuss recipients of this year's Shoffner Funds. This group recommended that we fund the Bolivian Quaker Education Fund and Aguayuda. The Meeting approved this recommendation. A disbursement of 5% of the fund's total on June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year is awarded to recipients. This year, \$650 will be awarded to BQEF and the remainder to Aguayuda.



Nominating Committee Preliminary Report: The Clerk of the committee read the preliminary report. A few corrections and changes were made. This report will be circulated earlier than these minutes and will be reviewed again during meeting for business 12<sup>th</sup> Month prior to final approval.

Overseers report: The clerk of Overseers read aloud the following: Our weekly practice of sharing Joys and Concerns at the end of meeting for worship is one way in which our community of Friends becomes aware of important developments in the lives of our members and attenders. However, Overseers recently began discussing a concern of our own about the potential for invading the privacy of those we concerns. How do we balance our wish and attenders who are having a health that person's right to confidentiality? before sharing information about a we have a discussion with that person would like communicated in the public Sometimes it might be a simple wish to are a caring community and we opportunity to be able to offer comfort that caring is making sure that we honor would comfort.”



mention during joys and to reach out to members crisis, for instance, with Overseers urge that member or attender, that about what he or she arena of our meeting. be held in the light. We welcome the or assistance. Part of the wishes of those we All present agreed that

this served us all well as a tactful reminder on handling delicate personal matters.  
Meeting for business was adjourned at 12:40 PM  
Respectfully submitted, Molly Burgoyne

## IMPORTANT POINTS:

Clerk to convene a meeting to clarify verbiage regarding Scholarship Committee finances  
John Coady's request for membership was turned over to Overseers  
T&C Annual Report accepted  
Shoffner International Education Fund recipients approved for the year  
Nominating Committee preliminary Report given

## **Philadelphia Yearly Meeting**

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## News from Friends

**Betsy Harrell** writes, “I'd be happy if you'd post an announcement somewhere in your respective meetings that I'm expecting **Friends Journal to publish a short piece** which I wrote on the occasion of the 30th anniversary celebration of the founding of Friends House, this Santa Rosa, California. retirement community where I live. I wrote my name as Betsy Forman Harrell. Mira, the newish Director of Development here, had suggested I write the article. I had been on the committee that had volunteered to plan that celebratory weekend, so I knew the details without doing much work--other than editing my own writing.

The weekend happened last April; Avis and others critiqued my story in May; I delivered it to Mira in June, I think; & when I mentioned Friends Journal as a target for publication, that's where it went. After many months the Associate Editor, Gail Coyle, wrote that they were going to put it in their December issue under the title "Celebration." Then Gail and I had proofing and editing sessions by email. She will include mention of my Third Haven membership, the 1684 date, my marriage there, my Forman parents' graves and husband Bryant Harrell's plaque in the cemetery. Actually, Western Friends would've been a more appropriate publication considering Santa Rosa's location , but never mind, I'm pleased at this outcome. Mira also sent Gail a couple of photos of me.”

**Lorraine Claggett** writes, “Again **Third Haven will be helping Santa Claus** on his visit to the children of the Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center at their celebration on December 17. From the center we have the names of 30 children to provide with a gift from Santa. We have been given gift cards with the name, gender and grade of a student for whom to buy a gift under \$10. The gifts must be at the Meetinghouse by First Day, December 14, for delivery to the Center in time. Plan on picking up a yellow gift card and attaching it to the present you buy and wrap. There will be a table in the Common Room with wrapping paper and scissors to make it easy and fun to do. The First Day school group and Testimonies and Concern committee are sponsoring this small project for the holidays and hope many will join in with us. Look for the name tags on the table next First Day at hospitality and spend a moment in your Christmas shopping remembering the child on your tag.”



## First Day School Pancake Breakfast: Greeters and Eaters!



## Pancake flippers and host and hostess introductions. Thank you all!!



## Contributions:



Financial contributions from members and attenders are essential to the work of the Meeting, upkeep of property and grounds, and support for our parent organization, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. We do not "pass the basket" at meetings for worship, nor do we ask Friends to "pledge" a certain amount each year. The hope and expectation is that all will prayerfully consider what they consider to be an appropriate contribution and act accordingly. All contributions are tax-deductible.

Our annual operating budget is open for all to review and may be found on our website. The fiscal year runs July 1 - June 30. There is a contributions box in the lobby of the brick meeting house, or checks for our annual operating budget may be sent to:

To support our **Annual Budget**:

Third Haven Monthly Meeting c/o Treasurer, Third Haven  
P.O. Box 2379, Easton, MD 21601

OR: PayPal - The safer, easier way to pay online!

A contribution may also be specifically designated to our **Scholarship Fund**. Please indicate this when you make your gift, which should be sent to:  
Scholarship Fund c/o Third Haven Monthly Meeting  
PO Box 2379, Easton, MD 21601

Contributions for **capital improvements and the long term care of our property**; should be made payable to: **Trustees of Third Haven Meeting**  
c/o Allan Mielke, PO Box 701, Easton, MD 21601

The Trustees assist substantially each year with operational capital expenses and encourage all to consider a planned legacy gift or bequest, as well as an annual contribution. Gifts may be designated for use in the Annual/General Budget or the "1684 Meeting House Maintenance Fund".

Our Monthly Meeting is affiliated with **PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING (PYM)**: Please mention Third Haven and mail to PYM Development Office, 1515 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

## Quiet Day

Katherine Johnson writes, "Greetings friends. Please join us this winter for a day of peace and inward renewal! We invite you to: Inward Bound Quiet Day, December 18, 2014, 10am to 3pm (pot-luck lunch at 12 noon) at the Common Room and grounds of Third Haven Friends Meeting.

The December holidays are a particularly busy time, and a silent retreat offers a day of listening for the Light within, contemplation, reading, walking the grounds, writing, and self chosen art activities. We enjoy a shared, silent potluck lunch, and end our session with a short sharing session.

Quiet days run from 10 am until 3pm, and participants are welcome to come for all or part of a day, entering with respect for the silence of the group. This is a perfect occasion to reflect on the spiritual possibilities of the winter season, while savoring the beauty of Third Haven grounds and buildings."

If you have questions please feel welcome to ask either:

Candace Shattuck [candace.shattuck@gmail.com](mailto:candace.shattuck@gmail.com)

Katherine Johnson [katherinekai@goeaston.net](mailto:katherinekai@goeaston.net)

Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

## Discussion Group opportunity

Worship & Ministry, a committee of 3rd Haven Quaker Meeting in Easton, will host a discussion group on Thursday, December 18, in the Friends Meeting, Quaker Common Room. The discussion will last one hour and fifteen minutes and start promptly at 6:15. It will be facilitated by Mark Beck. See attachment

The topic for this upcoming discussion will be "*Christ a Symbol of the Self*".

The following reference will give some insight into this topic.

<http://www.jungatlanta.com/articles/fall01-crist-symbol-of-self.pdf>

"Carl Jung's ideas and writings about God, religion, Christ, Christianity, and the Christian Church are some of his most challenging, controversial, and fruitful. His approach was to take ancient "thought forms that have become historically fixed, try to melt them down again and pour them into moulds of immediate *experience*.""

The program is open to all. Feel free to bring friends. Call Mark Beck, 410-822-6481, if you have any questions about the program or this meeting. Feel free to suggest a topic that you would like the group to share in.

For those who have joined us in the past we thank you for your prior participation and a hearty welcome to those who will be joining us for the first time. We look forward to seeing all of you. Thank you in advance for sharing your thoughts & understanding on this stimulating topic.

## Announcements

<http://www.thirdhaven.org/announcements.php>

Calendar of Activities <http://www.thirdhaven.org/calendar.php>

Online directory <http://www.thirdhaven.org/members/dir.php>

## Hospitality benefits us all.....

Sign up to help. The sheet is on the Common Room refrigerator, and it's easy!



## First Day School Decorates Third Haven



## and meets Sophie the Peace Dog to talk and draw about Peace



## Friends Sign Up to help with Talbot Interfaith Shelter



Sign Up sheets to help with the Talbot Interfaith Shelter are still available in the Common Room. Enjoy the company of like minded folks while lending a hand for an important cause. Help is always welcome!

## Caring for Third Haven: Fall Clean Up Day

Oil for the new benches



Winterizing the Old Meeting House



Sprucing up, inside and out



Hmmmm....what's the job?



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**See you at Meeting for Worship,  
and Meeting for Business, December 14<sup>th</sup>.**



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Meeting for Worship  
Sunday 10-11 a.m.  
Wednesday 5:30-6 p.m.  
Everyone welcome